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themselves in this planting of a new nation, what a work they had in hand. The man who can restore primitive Virginia as Hawthorne has done for the settlers in Massachusetts Bay, has not been born. But the reader of this book will find pleasant sailing on the Chesapeake and the James, and an adumbration of the past, if not a revelation of it. The story is autobiographical and, therefore, partakes of the style of the times it depicts and also of the character of the narrator. While this gives a fitting antiquity to the former, may we not say without offense, that it derives more or less dulness from the latter? Humphrey Huntoon is such a born prig that his journal of meditations, events, hopes and fears, shares the dryness of his personality. The only redeeming touch of unpremeditated manhood we find in him, is where he thrashed a man in the street for insulting his lady, and in his defense of the settlement at Flower de Hundred. It is plain to be seen, all through this curious courtship between Humphrey Huntoon and Betty Romney, that the latter is the better man of the two.

However, our task of critic is not concerned so much with the characters as with the purely literary and historical work of this book, and we gladly bear tribute to the nicety and care of the former, and so far as our knowledge extends to the probability of the latter.

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HISTORY OF THE RICHMOND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—with Reminiscences of thirty years' work among the colored people of the South. By Charles H. Corey, President of Richmond Theological Seminary; with an introduction by W. W. Landrum, D. D., pp. 240. Richmond, Va., J. W. Randolph Company, 1895.

We heartily recommend Dr. Corey's volume to all who are interested in the history of the African race in the South since the close of the late war. It is a very instructive and valuable record of devoted and successful service for the improvement of the moral condition of the negro, and has an importance and significance far beyond the institution and community of which it specially treats. It is pleasant to note that Dr. Corey bears witness to the local interest which has been felt in his work, an interest not confined to his own religious denomination. This interest is certain to increase, as the good fruit of the labors of such men and their pupils becomes more and more manifest.

LOWER NORFOLK COUNTY VIRGINIA ANTIQUARY.—No. 1, Part I, pp. 36. Edited and owned by Edward W. James, Richmond, Va., 1895.

In his brief preface, Mr. Edward W. James, who has already won a distinguished position among students of Virginia history, announces that his new publication is "intended for the purpose of making known